

REMARKS

The present communication is in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2010. Claims 1-4, 6, and 18-27 are now present in this case. No claims have been canceled, amended, or added.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 6, and 18-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0162396 filed by Meckesheimer et al ("Meckesheimer"). The applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration.

On August 26, 2010, the applicants filed a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c) for a late claim to priority from Taiwan, Republic of China, Application No. 092120321, which was filed on July 25, 2003. Applicants believe that all of the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c) have been met, and anticipate that this petition will be granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The applicants note that Meckesheimer has a filing date of January 28, 2004, and does not claim priority to an earlier filed application. The applicants believe that once the petition has been granted the priority date granted to the claims of the present application will be July 25, 2003, which predates Meckesheimer. Accordingly, the applicants request that Meckesheimer be withdrawn as a prior art reference. Further, since all claims stand rejected as being unpatentable over Meckesheimer alone, the applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

No fee is believed due. If additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258 of Davis Wright Tremain LLP.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now believed to be allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 757-8197.

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